

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. (1906)? My darling Alec:

It just gets harder and harder to leave you every time. I do love you so. We depend on each other more and more as time goes on. You make almost the whole of my life now.

Please my dear one take care of yourself. Can't you take my travelling clock and have Mr. Cox set the alarm so you will know when to go to bed. And please keep up the brushing and exercising. You know they make all the difference. What would yesterday have been if your headache had continued and it was the vigorous rubbing that drove it away. I know you need more Poland water and less red meat and ham. It's this that's making your skin sore and irritable just now, this and your lack of exercises. Please get more walking and fresh air. Please get Charles to rig up a lantern out on your balcony so you can at least read there nights.

I am so happy and relieved to know Daisy has got through her trouble all right and without having to wait as poor little Elsie did. Elsie was very sweet and patient, but those last weeks of waiting are an awful pull.

I wonder what Helen's baby will be. I half believe it will be a girl just because she's been so much better all along than Daisy was.

Charlie thinks very highly of Mr. Baldwin. He says he certainly has ability and thinks he could help you more than Mr. Bedwin. Please read the article on The Romance of Steel and 2 Iron in the July Munsey, I think you have it. It says Mr. Carnegie paid the highest wages and got the best ability and to that he owed his success. I think you'd gain if you

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applied that to Mr. Bedwin and Mr. Baldwin. It's no use your trying to work with Mr. Baldwin if you don't foregather, but if you like him I'd be generous and make him feel it's worth his while to stay with you. I think Davidson would like a rise and would rather you gave it to him or did something for him first.

I want you to have thoroughly competent help about your sheep. I want you to have every chance to carry out your ideas. Of course it costs money but we have it to spend. There is no need to live on just our income, the children have enough and you've given away enough. Don't count dollars and cents but get what you want.

Your loving Mabel.